REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Issues orders *re.* Prevention of quarrying in and around Cities and Towns.

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Licences have been issued in several cases for quarrying of stones close to the limits of Cities and Towns and this had resulted in large pits being dug leading to stagnation of water and breeding of Mosquitos. This has naturally created problems in regard to the maintenance of Public Health. It is, therefore, considered necessary to regulate such quarrying operations in areas close to Cities and Towns in such a way that the interests of the Health of the Citizens are safeguarded.

Government have decided that though there is no need to prohibit quarrying of stones altogether near Cities or Towns authorities of the Revenue Department should consult the authorities of the Public Health Department before issue of licences for quarrying operations near or round about Cities and Towns, in order to regulate the issue of permits on a systematic basis. Government are accordingly pleased to direct that the following procedure should be followed :—

(1) In all cases where quarrying of stones is to be permitted within the limits specified below authorities of the Revenue Department should consult the authorities of the Public Health Department invariably before issue of licences—

(a) within a radius of 5 miles, in the case of Cities and Towns having a population of one lakh or more ;

(b) within a radius of 3 miles in the case of Towns having a population of 50,000—one lakh.

(2) In all other cases it is left to authorities of the Revenue Department whether or not to consult the authorities of the Public Health Department in deciding the cases for issue of quarrying licences. They should however keep in view the interest of the Public Health in deciding these cases.

In all cases of grant of licences for quarrying operations the authorities of the Revenue Department should follow the procedure laid down in the Land Revenue Act and Rules.

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